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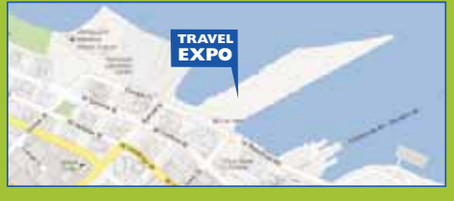

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Toddler saved by Mountie

Two-year-old rescued by off-duty officer after car rolls over into ditch ◐ Family treated for minor injuries

Words can't describe how grateful Alyse McDonald is but she hopes a big hug gets the message across.

The mother of two is desperately seeking a reunion with an off-duty police officer and his wife after they helped save her family from a horrific accident in Delta.

On Wednesday, McDonald was driving down Highway 17 with her two-year-old daughter, Haylee, and seven-year-old son, Jordan, when a couple of ducks suddenly tried to cross the street.

"My instinct was to swerve and I don't remember much after that," McDonald said, doing her best to recall the morning's event.

When she came to, perhaps a few minutes later, McDonald was upside down and her car was filling up with water.

"I was trying to figure out what happened, wondering why I was upside down and I could hear my daughter crying," she said. "I couldn't find a light and couldn't see anything. I couldn't get my door to open."

Little did she know, but her car was sitting at a bottom of a ditch that was virtually impossible to spot from the road.

Luckily, Jordan was able to climb up the ditch and flag down a passing vehicle.

That's when off-duty RCMP homicide investigator Const. Aaron Jabs and his wife rushed in to help.

"I don't know what I would have done without them," McDonald said. "When they arrived, I had gotten out of the car and was hysterical and crying. He managed to get my daughter out of the car."

Miraculously, all three members of the young family survived relatively unscathed, suffering only minor injuries.

McDonald's one regret was not being able to thank Jabs and his wife, as she was rushed to hospital.

"I'm so grateful they stopped and helped," said McDonald. "It's amazing how people can be so helpful. I would love to see them in person and give them a big hug. It was the worst thing I've ever gone through and they were there for us."

McDonald will get her chance.

Jabs is currently out of town, but the RCMP hope to organize a face-to-face meeting between the family and their hero.

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▶ Alyse McDonald's car sits upside down in a ditch along Highway 17 in Delta. An off-duty RCMP officer is being called a hero for helping get McDonald's young daughter out of the car, which had filled up with water.

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▶ Seattle Seahawks Sea Gals cheerleaders, seen here during a break in game action last October, will be at the NFL's official Super Bowl XLVI party at Commodore Ballroom on Sunday.

Party it up for the Super Bowl

Former Super Bowl MVP Marcus Allen comes to town to join events celebrating the big game

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
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NFL great Marcus Allen said he's ready to meet and mingle with Vancouver football fans as they watch the gridiron rematch between the New York Giants and New England Patriots Sunday in Super Bowl XLVI.

Football fever has gripped Vancouver, with many bars and restaurants hosting special events for fans to cheer on their favourite team.

"I haven't been to Vancouver in quite some time, but I've been there before and I think it's a beautiful city," said Allen, who won league MVP and the Super Bowl in 1983 with the L.A. Raiders. "My brother (Damon Allen) used to play for the B.C. Lions, so I have some history there."

The Hall of Fame running back, along with Oakland Raiders wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, will be in town for the National Football League's official Super Bowl XLVI party at the Commodore Ballroom.

More than 850 fans are expected to join in the festivities, which include a personal greeting from the Seattle Seahawks cheerleaders, an NFL tailgate with food inspired by the cities of the two teams, and a live performance by Saskatoon rockers The Sheepdogs, the first unsigned band ever to appear on the cover of Rolling Stone.

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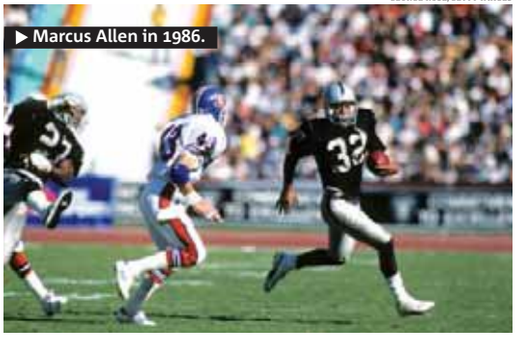

▶ Marcus Allen in 1986.

Allen revealed he won't be rooting for anyone in particular.

"I got so many friends on both sides," Allen said. "I try to stay neutral but I anticipate and expect a great game because both teams are very explosive. They can put points on the board immediately, so whoever plays the best defence, makes the least amount of mistakes and protects their passer is going to win the game."

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Tycoon admits to confining prostitute

Billionaire David Ho won't be going to jail, but must get drug treatment and perform community service

David Ho, the Vancouver billionaire businessman and former police board member, has pleaded guilty to unlawfully confining a prostitute and possessing a prohibited weapon.

Ho made the plea in Vancouver provincial court on Thursday and was handed a one-year suspended sentence and a $5,000 fine. He will be on probation during the term of the sentence.

Crown counsel Elliot Poll said Ho must also get drug treatment and perform 45 hours of community service.

In December 2008, police arrested and charged Ho with seven offences after an incident at his luxury Vancouver home.

At the time, police said Ho met the woman on a chat line and brought her back to his home but wouldn't let her leave the next morning.

Police said there was a violent struggle, the woman called 911 and she broke her ankle while trying to escape.

"On that occasion, there was an exchange of money for sex," Poll said.

Ho also pleaded guilty to breaching his bail conditions while awaiting trial.

He was the founder of the now-defunct Harmony Airways and in 2005 was named Businessman of the Year by the Vancouver Junior Board of Trade.

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▶ Helijet CEO Daniel Sitnam, left, passenger Godfrey Archbold and pilot Vlado Despotovski celebrate at the Vancouver Helijet Terminal in Coal Harbour on Thursday.

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Helijet marks a whole lot of flights

Helijet, Canada's first scheduled helicopter service, celebrated its two-millionth passenger, Godfrey Archbold, on Thursday. The company has been in business for 25 years and flown more than 22 million kilometres. Archbold's prize is a free flight and weekend stay in either Vancouver or Victoria.

Victim was targeted: Police

Police identified a man killed in Pitt Meadows on Tuesday as Brandon Howson, 26, of Maple Ridge. Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team said Howson was known to police and the victim appears to have been targeted. "However, it is too early to speak to a motive or any gang affiliation," she said.

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Man found dead in bushes

A North Vancouver homeless man was found dead under a blanket Thursday around Cotton Drive and Kennard Avenue. Police say the man, who is approximately 60 and Caucasian, was found by a pedestrian about 20 feet from the road and was obscured by heavy bushes. Police don't believe there was foul play.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Edmonton family dies in B.C. crash

A family of four died Wednesday when their SUV lost control on an icy road and collided with a tractor-trailer in B.C.'s Interior. A 47-year-old man, his wife, 37, and their two children — a boy, 7, and a girl, 3 — were killed in the crash, which occurred at about 8:30 p.m. on Yellowhead Highway, north of Barriere. Police have not identified the family.

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By 'strange': Vander Zalm

TESTIMONY. Bill Vander Zalm says a conflict-of-interest inquiry that resulted in his resignation as premier 21 years ago was conducted in a "strange" manner.

Vander Zalm is testifying in a defamation suit brought against him by former conflict-of-interest commissioner Ted Hughes. He told the court that during the inquiry he was alone in a room facing a barrage of questions from Hughes and two lawyers.

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Province pays for planters

JOBS. The B.C. government is putting up $550,000 over three years to help tree-planting companies fill jobs to plant trees in forests across the province.

Jobs Minister Pat Bell announced the recruitment and training funds at the Western Silviacultural Contractors' Association annual meeting in Kamloops Thursday.

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Car-theft suspect wearing jail clothes: VPD

ARREST. Vancouver police say a man arrested Wednesday after ramming his stolen car into a police vehicle was still wearing his prison-issue clothes after being released from jail earlier in the day. Kenneth Stephen Solowan, 26, faces several charges, including assault, robbery, dangerous operation of a vehicle and fleeing police.

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Balancing to help kids

- B.C. man on one wheel raises funds for children's hospital
- He expects to undertake 10 hours of unicycling to Harrison Hot Springs

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▶ Chris Heine plans to unicycle from Surrey to Harrison Hot Springs to raise money for BC Children's Hospital.

A 19-year-old North Surrey man aims to pedal 100 kilometres with a cause — on one wheel.

Chris Heine will unicycle from Surrey to Harrison Hot Springs to raise money for BC Children's Hospital.

"I hope to set an example for people because a lot of people including myself spend too much time gaming nowadays," he said.

"Get active. Find an outlet for your creativity — be it whatever — and live it."

The ride, dubbed Rolling on 100, will start at 6 a.m. Feb. 14 at the intersection of 80th Avenue and 172 Street in Surrey.

Heine will pass through Maple Ridge and Mission on Lougheed Highway. He will continue onto the Agassiz-Rosedale Highway and end at Harrison Hot Springs.

Heine's friend Melanie will accompany him on bike, while his family follows behind in a car.

Heine was introduced to unicycling about a year ago and remembers falling 50 times each time he rode.

Now, he can carry hot coffee from Tim Hortons while travelling long distances.

The only difficulty are hills, and he practices on steep roads such as 8th Avenue by Douglas College in New Westminster.

Donations

- Donations are currently at $230, and Heine hopes to raise as much money as he can.

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Howe fights disease on two fronts

Hockey legend trying to raise greater dementia awareness while coping with his own diminished brain power

At 83, Mr. Hockey is still in demand and on the move. Gordie Howe is about to embark on another series of fundraisers for research into dementia.

It's a personal cause. The disease killed his wife Colleen in 2009 and is beginning to affect him.

"He's a little bit worse than last year, but pretty close to about the same," son Marty says. "He just loses a little bit more, grasping for words.

"The worst part of this disease is there's nothing you can do about it."

The Howe family hasn't chased a diagnosis of exactly what kind of dementia Gordie has. They did that with Colleen, who died at 76 of Pick's disease.

Gordie's dementia is currently mild and it's unclear how it will progress. One of his other sons, Murray, a doctor, says his father's symptoms don't fit either Alzheimer's or Pick's.

"He has what we call mild cognitive impairment," Murray says. "His brain power is not what it used to be."

But Gordie's personality hasn't changed and he continues to know who his family and friends are.

Gordie's stamina and power were legendary during his 33 seasons of pro hockey. Physically, he's doing well for a man about to turn 84 in March. His sons say Gordie likes to do household chores and go fishing, which is one of his favourite pastimes.

Gordie had episodes of forgetfulness about six years ago while caring for Colleen. The Howe children recognized the signs they'd previously seen in their mother.

After Colleen's death, the Howes were approached by the Toronto health organization Baycrest to put Gordie's face on a fundraising campaign for Alzheimer's.

Gordie, accompanied by his son Marty, makes public appearances at an annual series of Scotiabank Pro-Am hockey tournaments across Canada. More than $16 million has been raised by the Gordie and Colleen Howe Fund for Alzheimer's.

Gordie was scheduled to attend a Canucks game in Vancouver on Thursday evening to promote a Scotiabank Pro-Am in the city later this year.

Marty says the plan is for Gordie to help kick off the same tournaments in Edmonton, Calgary and Toronto this spring.

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▶ Hockey legend Gordie Howe, left, with singer Michael Bublé during a Vancouver Giants news conference on Thursday. Howe and Bublé are part-owners of the WHL team, which unveiled jerseys its players will wear to honour Howe during their game Friday.

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Blame cast in citizenship gaffe

Kenney points finger at bureaucrats for misleading ceremony
NDP critic slams 'appalling and unacceptable' use of civil service

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▶ Alleged private citizens participate in a citizenship-reaffirmation ceremony in this photo posted on the immigration department's Twitter feed. Six federal bureaucrats were drafted to pose as new Canadians for the ceremony set up for the Sun News Network.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and the Sun News Network are laying the blame for a misleading televised citizenship ceremony squarely on the shoulders of federal civil servants.

The Canadian Press reported Thursday that six federal bureaucrats were drafted to pose as new Canadians for a reaffirmation ceremony broadcast on the TV channel last October.

Kenney's office had asked the department to organize the event on short notice, adding it to the 60 events bureaucrats had planned for Canada's Citizenship Week.

The co-hosts of the show, who say they were unaware of the presence of the stand-in immigrants, repeatedly referred to the group of 10 as "new Canadians" who had "finally" received their citizenship.

A reaffirmation ceremony, however, is an opportunity for existing Canadians to retake their oath.

Kenney blamed the incident on "logistical" problems. "I became aware that in a reaffirmation ceremony last year following logistical problems that the situation was poorly handled," Kenney said in the House of Commons.

"I regret that, but that in no way should undermine the importance and value of special reaffirmation ceremonies, which we encourage all Canadians to participate in."

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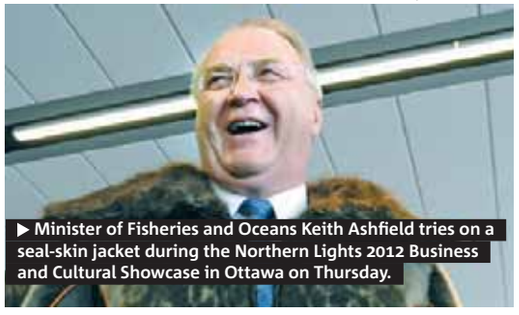

▶ Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Keith Ashfield tries on a seal-skin jacket during the Northern Lights 2012 Business and Cultural Showcase in Ottawa on Thursday.

MPs wear seal pins in support of hunt

The federal fisheries minister joined members of Parliament in showing support for Canada's embattled sealing industry by wearing a lapel pin Thursday.

Keith Ashfield said the centuries-old commercial sealing industry is important to Canada's northern and eastern regions.

"Not only is it a humane and sustainable industry, it's also an industry that provides an important food source for our northern communities," he said during a brief ceremony on Parliament Hill.

In December, the federal government confirmed that the world's largest buyer of Canadian seal products — the Russian Federation — had banned importing harp-seal pelts.

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Romney plagued by Canadian woes

A canine named Seamus and a showman named K'Naan are causing Mitt Romney woes on the campaign trail this week.

The Republican presidential front-runner may be steamrolling to Nevada after decisively winning the Florida state primary earlier this week, but he's in hot water for remarks he made about the poor while two stories with a Canadian component are also causing him headaches.

Toronto rapper K'Naan threatened to sue Romney for using his hit song Wavin' Flag during the politician's victory speech in Florida.

The Romney campaign agreed to stop playing the song after the Somali-born artist accused them of failing to get his permission, but added he wouldn't have granted it to them anyway.

To add insult to injury, K'Naan said he would, however, gladly allow U.S. President Barack Obama to use the song for his re-election campaign.

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▶ Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his wife Ann at a campaign stop.

But it's the tale of poor Seamus, the Irish setter who infamously spent 12 hours in the 1980s strapped to the roof of the Romney family station wagon on a road trip from Massachusetts to Grand Bend, Ont., that truly will not die.

A new report suggests Seamus, who soiled himself during his stint in the rooftop crate, ran for the hills when the Romneys finally arrived at the family's Lake Huron cottage. Some wags have suggested it was an attempt to seek asylum in Canada and avoid the hellish return trip back to Boston.

Politicker, the political blog for the New York Observer newspaper, reports that two of Romney's sons told reporters off the record that the dog ran away when they reached their destination in the summer of 1983.

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Thousands trapped in Serbia by snowstorms

Death toll rises amid deep freeze Relief efforts focus on evacuating the sick, food delivery, gasoline distribution

At least 11,000 villagers have been trapped by heavy snow and blizzards in Serbia's mountains, authorities said Thursday, as the death toll from Eastern Europe's weeklong deep freeze rose to 123, many of them homeless people.

The harshest winter in decades has seen temperatures in some regions dropping to -30 C and below, and has caused power outages, traffic chaos and the widespread closure of schools, nurseries and airports.

Those stranded in Serbia are stuck in some 6,500 homes in remote areas that cannot be reached due to icy, snow-clogged roads with banks reaching up to five metres.

Emergency crews were pressing hard to try to clear the snow to deliver badly needed supplies, and helicopters were dispatched to some particularly remote areas in Serbia and neighbouring Bosnia.

On Bosnia's Mt. Romanija, near Sarajevo, a chopper thumped down in the small hamlet of Ozerkovici, where a single nun lives in a Serb Christian Orthodox monastery surrounded by just a few villagers.

Wrapped tight in a black jacket and a scarf, Sister Justina greeted aid workers at her monastery. "I live alone here," she said, adding, "God will help me."

In Serbia, relief efforts are concentrated on evacuating the sick, on food delivery and gasoline distribution.

"We are trying everything to unblock the roads since more snow and blizzards are expected in the coming days," Serbian emergency police official Predrag Maric said.

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▶ A barista creates a portrait of billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov in Moscow.

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A sweeter side of Putin

The portraits of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and other Russian presidential candidates adorn cups of cappuccino at a Moscow coffee house. Massive protests in December cast a challenge to Putin's bid to extend his 12-year rule by reclaiming the presidency in March's election.

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▶ An Egyptian protester wearing a gas mask flashes a victory sign during protests near the interior ministry in downtown Cairo on Thursday. Clashes erupted in the Egyptian capital between protesters and police after violence killed 74 people following a soccer game.

Egyptians protest soccer-riot deaths

Police force remains a source of tension, accused of using heavy-handed tactics and resisting reform

Security forces clashed Thursday with stone-throwing protesters enraged by the failure of police to prevent a soccer riot that killed 74 people, as sports violence spiraled into a new political crisis for Egypt.

The deaths Wednesday night in a post-match stadium riot in the Mediterranean city of Port Said fueled anger at Egypt's ruling military and the already widely distrusted police forces. Many in the public and in the newly elected parliament blamed the leadership for letting it happen — whether from a lack of control or, as some alleged, on purpose.

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Egypt's health ministry said 388 protesters were injured, most overcome by tear gas.

Survivors of the riot described a nightmarish scene in the stadium. Police stood by doing nothing, they said, as fans of the winning home team, Al-Masry, attacked supporters of the top Cairo club, Al-Ahly, stabbing them and throwing them off bleachers.

The network of zealous Al-Ahly soccer fans, known as Ultras, vowed vengeance, accusing the police of intentionally letting rivals attack them because they have been among the most aggressive of Egypt's revolutionaries.

About 10,000 people marched Thursday on the Cairo headquarters of the Interior Ministry, which oversees the security forces.

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Millionaire adopts girlfriend

In legal twist a judge calls "border(ing) on the surreal," a millionaire polo club founder in Florida has adopted his 42-year-old girlfriend to allegedly protect his wealth from a wrongful death lawsuit.

John Goodman, 48, is facing a civil suit launched by the parents of a 23-year-old man killed in a car crash in Wellington, Fla., in 2010, according to the Palm Beach Post.

The lawsuit states Goodman had a blood alcohol level double Florida's legal driving limit at the time of the Feb. 12, 2010 crash that killed Scott Patrick Wilson.

Last October, Goodman legally made Heather Laruso Hutchins, his girlfriend of about two years, his daughter. The move gives her immediate access to a third of a trust fund set up for his two children — a fund Goodman cannot access himself.

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White House defends birth-control order

The Obama administration scrambled Thursday to contain a growing outcry over its decision that church-affiliated employers must cover birth control regardless of their religious principles.

Under the health care overhaul law, most employers and insurance plans will have to cover birth control free of charge as preventive care for women.

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Syria draft resolution gains ground at UN

Unclear whether changes will be enough to garner support from Russia, which can still veto the proposal

Western ambassadors on the UN Security Council on Thursday embraced a revised resolution aimed at stopping the bloodshed in Syria and predicted rapid approval after removal of an explicit demand that President Bashar Assad step aside.

The latest draft, obtained by The Associated Press, still "fully supports" the Arab League's Jan. 22 decision to "facilitate a political transition leading to a democratic, plural political system."

But it removes a clause calling for Assad to hand power to a deputy before a new government is created.

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▶ Bashar Assad

British Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant and French Ambassador Gerard Araud said they expected that a final version could be ready for a vote as early as Friday.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice was less optimistic. "This is still tough going, very much so," she said.

Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin did not comment on the revised text as he entered the meeting.

In an apparent effort to overcome Russian objections, the new version of the resolution no longer includes the explicit reference to Assad delegating his powers.

It also removes language calling for a new national unity government and for transparent, free elections — also important parts of the Arab peace plan.

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Gaza. Dissent

▶ Palestinians demonstrate before the arrival of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the Erez checkpoint in the northern Gaza Strip on Thursday.

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UN visit put on pause by protest

Protesters threw shoes, sand and small stones at the secretary general's convoy, which was briefly held up before continuing on to Khan Yunis. The incident cast a shadow over Ban's visit, meant to draw attention to humanitarian issues.

Cuba cracks down on corruption

Cuban authorities are summoning bureaucrats and Communist Party members to watch a video about corruption investigations, as President Raul Castro's government signals that it's serious about cracking down on graft.

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Secret U.S. no-fly list doubles

The Obama administration has more than doubled, to about 21,000 names, its secret list of suspected terrorists who are banned from flying to or within the United States, including about 500 Americans, the Associated Press has learned.

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Colombia bombing kills six

Assailants in pickup trucks fired homemade mortars at a police station in Villa Rica, Colombia, on Thursday, killing at least six people and wounding more than 20, the regional police chief said, noting it was too early to assign blame.

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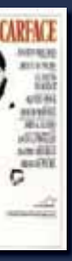

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Great leapin' groundhogs!

Six more weeks of what?

WHERE'S WINTER? Canada's groundhogs say the end of winter is just around the corner, and meteorologists agree the country's furry forecasters are predicting the end of something that hasn't even begun. Unseasonably warm temperatures from coast to coast have made winter a non-event for most Canadians, they say. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania.

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▶ A reveller waits on Wiarton Willie.

No shadow = early spring

OPTIMISTS. Among the groundhogs calling for an early spring on Groundhog Day were Ontario's Wiarton Willie and Nova Scotia's prognosticating rodent Shubenacadie Sam, who both didn't see their shadows when they emerged on Thursday morning.

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Shadow = six more weeks of winter

NAYSAYERS. Manitoba's woodchuck, Winnipeg Willow, is siding with Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil, who is calling for six more weeks of winter.

Willow was so startled at all the attention, she tucked her face into her handler's jacket, and failed as a result of not looking to see her shadow.

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▶ Shubenacadie Sam in Nova Scotia.

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▶ Wiarton Willie in Ontario.

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Facebook public stock not for just anyone

Shares to trade publicly in about 3 months Limited supply, healthy demand likely to make for high prices

Canadian Facebook fans may share everything from pictures of their meals to engagement announcements on the site, but they're unlikely to get in on its long-anticipated initial public stock offering.

It's often difficult to scoop up shares before they're listed on a public market and given the hype surrounding Facebook Inc.'s IPO, it's going to be harder for average investors to get shares at the initial price.

John O'Connell, CEO at money manager Davis Rea, says "99.9 per cent of Canadians aren't going to get any Facebook on the IPO."

The company's underwriters, who dole out the shares, grant access to the biggest of Canadian players. There are few Canadians or Canadian firms wealthy enough to have an account at the American investment behemoths Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs.

"They're only going to give it to their biggest, best client and even they're going to get very, very small amounts," O'Connell said.

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▶ Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg smiles during a meeting in San Francisco in October.

Shares or not?

- **Facebook said in its** 200-page prospectus that it plans to raise an initial $5 billion US by selling a portion of its shares.
- **Depending on reaction to the IPO,** the company could be valued at $100 billion or even more.
- **An initial offering price,** will be determined by the level of investor interest, but it's estimated to be at between $30 to $35 per share.
- **That would mean about** 67 million shares in circulation, which scarcely covers the intense demand for the world's biggest social networking website.

Britain's oldest paper takes spotlight at Murdoch scandal inquiry

Police are investigating alleged email interception by Rupert Murdoch's Times of London, a British lawmaker said Thursday — dragging Britain's oldest national newspaper into the broadening scandal over press wrongdoing.

The country's media ethics inquiry has summoned the newspaper's editor to answer questions about the claims.

Labour Party legislator Tom Watson, who helped lift the lid on tabloid phone hacking, released a letter from police confirming they were investigating alleged email hacking by the Times. Watson, a member of Parliament's culture, media and sport committee, had written to police asking them to take up the issue.

The letter from Det. Supt. John Levett, head of the force's computer-hacking investigation, is dated Jan. 25, and tells Watson that "the concerns raised within your letters are under investigation and officers ... are dealing directly with the victim."

The 226-year-old Times has acknowledged that a former reporter tried to intercept emails in 2009 to unmask an anonymous policeman who blogged as NightJack. Editor James Harding told the media ethics inquiry last month that the reporter had acted on his own and had been reprimanded. The paper later published the blogger's name, but Harding insisted it had been obtained legally.

London's Metropolitan Police confirmed Thursday that computer hacking investigators "are in contact with Mr. Watson in relation to specific issues he wishes to raise." The Times declined to comment.

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New WestJet carrier to draw more traffic

The new short-haul carrier WestJet Airlines Ltd. is considering would operate separately from the main airline but help draw more traffic into its network, CEO Gregg Saretsky said Thursday.

The move would benefit the main network, as it would draw more passengers from smaller destinations into major hubs, such as Calgary, Saretsky told an investor conference in New York. WestJet announced last month it's considering a regional carrier that would give it a presence in smaller markets where competitor Air Canada is currently the only game in town. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 Super (Ad) Bowl: The big game is this Sunday between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants, but what 150 million-plus viewers will **really** be watching are the multimillion-dollar TV ads. As for the game? I've got the Giants by three.

2 I Hate Everyone: No, not me. It's a new book by Matthew DiBenedetti called I Have Everyone, which covers everything "from rich people who are dicks, to guys named Rich who go by Dick." Sounds like a book you'll hate to love. Or love to hate. Also follow him on Twitter @whatihatetoday. Sample tweet: "I HATE when my DVR cuts off the last 30 seconds of the show." Amen, brother.

3 'Destroy America' tweet: Two British friends were detained by Homeland Security after landing in L.A. for a vacay for tweeting they would "destroy America." The pair said "destroy" is slang for partying, but it was to no avail. They were refused entry to the U.S. No word on whether they watched Team America on the plane ride back to Britain the next day.

4 The River: ABC's new paranormal drama about a doctor (played by Canada's Bruce Greenwood) who goes missing deep in the Amazon debuts next Tuesday and is being called one of the scariest shows. Ever. Definitely one of the most hyped. They already have 200,000 fans on their Facebook page, and the show hasn't even started.

5 PJs go outside: With pyjamas as outdoor wear becoming a worldwide trend, clothing companies are stocking up on comfy apparel that's taking the indoors out. Some cities and school districts are trying to ban PJs as outdoor wear while others ask what the big deal is. I'm not sure how to feel about this. I need to sleep on it ... in my jeans and plaid shirt.

6 Facebook IPO: Facebook, which has a valuation of somewhere between $75 and $100 billion, is filing the necessary papers to allow it to go public. FB has more than 800 million users, or one-seventh of the world's entire population. When there is a Facebook IPO, its employees are going to be stinking rich. Is it too late to apply for an internship, Mr. Zuckerberg?

7 Tennis's near-six-hour marathon: In an Australian Open final that was just as exhausting to watch, Serbia's Novak Djokovic defeated Spain's Rafael Nadal 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-5 in an epic, five-hour, 53-minute match — the longest Grand Slam singles final in tennis's open era. The next time my best-of-three doubles Ping-Pong match goes to a final set, I won't complain.

8 I Mother Earth: The Canadian alt-rock band recently ended an eight-year hiatus by announcing they were playing a one-off show at The Sound Academy in Toronto in March. This week they tweeted out @IMENation2012 that "IME sells out @soundacademy 5 hrs into public sale." As they asked on their IME blog, "The question now becomes: What do we do next?" A tour!?

9 My wife = 40: My amazing wife, Christi, said no surprises on her birthday. So I'm not going to surprise her at all by wishing her a happy 40th birthday (it's on Feb. 8) in a newspaper column that goes across Canada. No way.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (@neilmorton).

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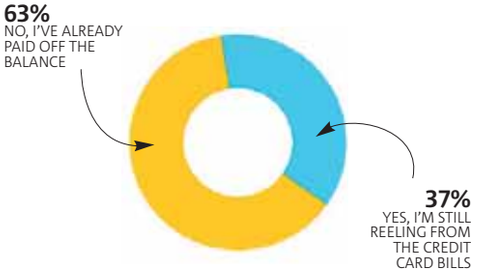

Local tweets

- **@Miss JessicaKing:** Omg omg omg omg --A F--king CROW, just landed on my head, clenched his feet and took off !! Scared the s--t out of me !!! WtF !!?? #weird
- **@ScottRintoul:** Power outage at my place. Feeling like Clark Griswold with the lights in Christmas Vacation. #whywonttheywork
- **@shirleybond:** @BCLions in #princegeorge tonight and #superbowl this Sunday – football fans check out this food creation tinyurl.com/63f6qd2
- **@DowntownCharles:** Awesome inaugural #citiessummit2012 ! Kudos to VEC!
- **@OliviaMagsajo:** 6 upcoming days of no rain?! In Vancouver?! No... That can't be right? But I'll taaaaake it! :)
- **@JohnBainSports:** @VanCanucks Cody Hodgson named #NHL Rookie of the Month ow.ly/8Qg0R @BR_NHL #Canucks
- **@trousdellfive:** I spend way too much time thinking about the #Canucks on game day. Or make that every day.

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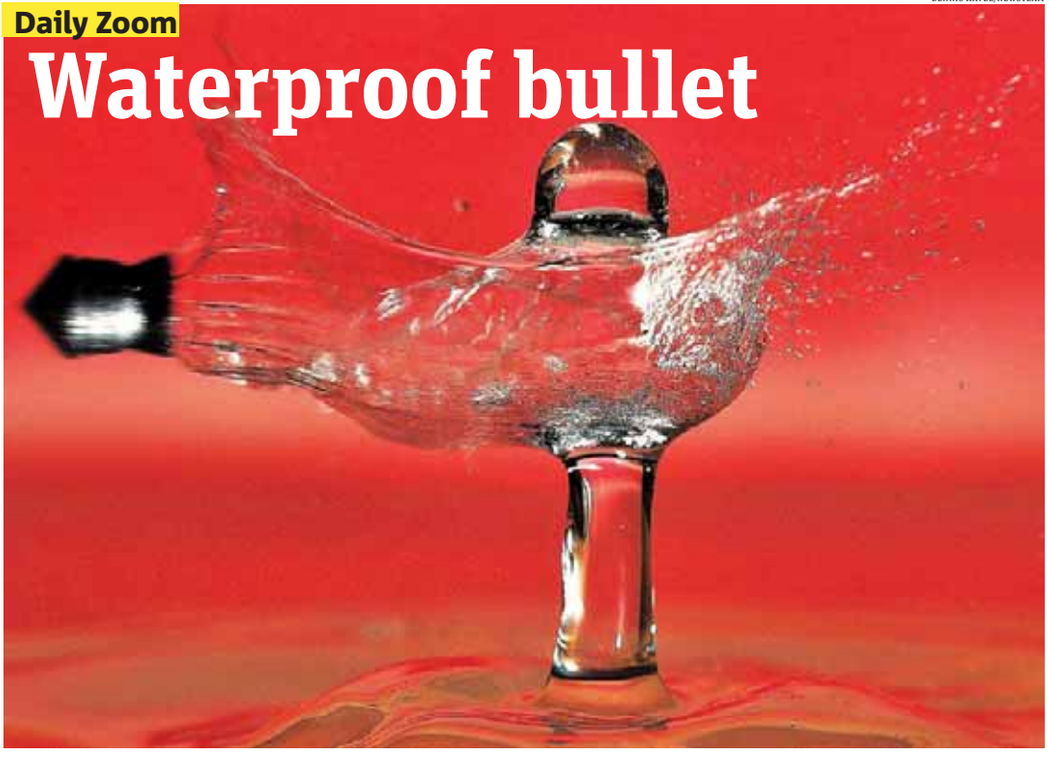
Daily Zoom

Waterproof bullet



Moment bullet caught droplet

PHOENICIA, NEW YORK. Here's a shutterbug who can catch bullets! This is a stunning image by a retired police officer who has captured a gun pellet flying through a falling water drop. Dennis Havel, 63, took on this seemingly impossible task after one of his friends bet him $50 he couldn't do it. MWN

"I'm not an expert photographer — it was more of a mathematics and physics thing."

DENNIS HAVEL EXPLAINS. HE USED A CONTRAPTION WITH INFRARED DETECTORS. WHEN THE DROPLET WAS RELEASED, IT BROKE A BEAM TO START A SEQUENCE IN A TIMER MODULE. ABOVE, YOU SEE THE RESULT.

A perfect shot? Get the ruler out

PHYSICS. It wasn't a knack for firearms that helped Havel get the desired shot. He had to calculate how long the droplet would take to fall 33 centimetres as the pellet was firing across. "I have a timer set so it fires the flash a couple of thousands of seconds after the drop is released," he said. MWN

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metres per second — the speed of the flying pellet. After a valve has released the droplet through an infrared sensor that triggered the gun and the flash, the whole process took 28 milliseconds.

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Synopsis

- Daniel Radcliffe plays lawyer Arthur Kipps. Leaving his son behind in London, the widower travels to a remote English village to settle the affairs of Alice Drablow. Ms. Drablow may have shuffled off this mortal coil but the locals are convinced she still haunts her old house. Worse, because she still mourns her son Nathaniel, a toddler who drowned on her estate, whenever she is seen, a village child dies.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕⊕
  Mark: ⊕⊕½

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▶ Daniel Radcliffe stars as lawyer Arthur Kipps in The Woman in Black.

Paint it black

Radcliffe goes up against supernatural again and does a good job, too
Our reviewers deem the film a 'masterpiece of atmospheric dread'

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Richard: Mark, I really like haunted house movies and as haunted houses go, this is a doozy. It's remote, old and rambling. Doorknobs turn by themselves, faces appear in windows and there are stuffed monkeys and creepy Victorian children's wind-up toys everywhere. With toys like this to play with it's a wonder Victorian kids weren't scared half-out-of-their-minds all the time. Did this movie creep you out?

Mark: Creep me out? Definitely. The movie is a masterpiece of atmospheric dread. It's not so much about what happens on-screen, but what is about to happen onscreen. Let's face it, there's something creepy about Victorians to begin with. Did it scare me? No, I just don't have a fear of the supernatural. And although I loved the look and feel of the film, with its peeling paint and fog that you can sense at the nape of your neck, the creaky plot, reminiscent of those remakes of Japanese ghost films of the mid-90's, did not excite me. But let's talk about the 800 lb wizard in the room, Mr Radcliffe. Richard, was this film a good choice for him?

RC: Well, once again Radcliffe finds himself butting heads with the supernatural. It's not exactly Harry Potter Meets the Woman in Black, but it's almost as entertaining and I think it will act as a smooth transition from child star to adult. He's giving people what they want, a heroic figure, like Harry, but one with added dimensions — he's a widower and a troubled soul who finds a new lease on life through adversity. A smallish gothic horror film might not have been the obvious choice for Radcliffe's coming out party, but it was a good one.

MB: I'm glad he chose a film so very British to do; it keeps him true to his roots. But if there's any doubt we're dealing with a true star whose talents will last, it's Radcliffe's 20 minute dialogue-free set piece in the middle of the movie. He holds our attention with only his physical presence and expressions. Impressive, don't you think?

RC: He really anchors the film. It's difficult not to see Harry Potter in his face but here he takes a good stride to step away from the typecasting of his most successful role.

MB: Loved Radcliffe, loved the meticulous direction; just wished the storyline weren't so thin and derivative

2 scene

Scene in brief

The upcoming remaking of 21 Jump Street will premiere as the centrepiece of Austin's South by Southwest Film Conference and Festival. The action-comedy stars Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum in a big screen version of the 1980s Johnny Depp TV series. It will screen March 12 at SXSW, which runs March 9-17.

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W.E. stars say critics being harsh on film because Madonna directed it

Movie reviews

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Chronicle

Genre: Drama
Director: Josh Trank
Stars: Dane DeHaan, Alex Russell, Michael B. Jordan

First-time director Josh Trank takes a genre that was quickly careening into gimmick territory — the found-footage/POV style of Cloverfield — and injects new life into it with Chronicle. The story is a refreshing take on old territory — what happens when everyday people develop superpowers. Only here, there are no spandex suits. Apparently, with great power really comes great mischief and petty retribution. It's a much more believable depiction of teenagers' lives turning into comic books. NED EHRBAR

Big Miracle

Genre: Romantic drama
Director: Ken Kwapis
Stars: Drew Barrymore, John Krasinski

Based on a global attempt to save three whales caught in the Arctic ice in 1988, Big Miracle combines feel-good fare with a surprisingly complex, entertaining cast of characters. As the giant mammals attract international interest, everyone from activists to oil executives join together for the cause. It'd all be excessively campy except for the film's self-awareness and delivery of genuine suspense. STEVE GOW

Once Upon a Time in Anatolia

Genre: Drama
Director: Nuri Bilge Ceylan
Stars: Muhammet Uzuner, Yilmaz Erdogan, Taner Birsel

Over a long night driving through the Turkish steppes, police joke about yogurt and their wives as a murder suspect sits between them. The hunt for his victim's body becomes a revelatory odyssey emphasised by stunning cinematography. Ceylan finds profound lyricism in the midst of everyday horrors. ANNE BRODIE

Albert Nobbs

Genre: Drama
Director: Rodrigo Garcia
Stars: Glenn Close

Glenn Close stars in Albert Nobbs, about a 19th-century Irish woman living as a man in order to work in a Dublin hotel. Under a tight haircut and lightly applied prosthetics, Close disappears into the meek, fastidious little creature and makes it completely plausible that Nobbs could pull one over on her bosses, coworkers and guests. The rest of the film plays dress-up as well, with what feels like a not-too-interesting Masterpiece Theater episode masquerading as a big Oscar film. NED EHRBAR

Ezra Miller talks about Kevin

Rising star plays teen without a conscience in We Need to Talk About Kevin alongside Swinton, Reilly

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▶ Ezra Miller

Kevin is a suburban teen who doesn't just have a bad attitude, he seems to lack a soul. We're not told what troubles him; we are simply presented with a fait accompli, a bad child without a conscience and with a thirst for mayhem.

His frightened mother, played by Tilda Swinton, looks the other way, until one day Kevin shoots up the school and then himself. Ezra Miller, a thoughtful and smiling 18-year-old in the flesh, plays Kevin.

Was Kevin born a monster or the result of bad parenting?

What I found in those considerations was a wide web of answers. The notion of a singular answer is often sought after in these stories and scenarios. If you seek it you will find it; you will always find a singular answer if you want it. You can make something up.

But really, the answer to questions involving the human condition and human experience are always going to be very complex.

It's too easy.

This pursuit of this standard of normality is actually dangerous because it doesn't exist.

So you're chasing after a fictional notion and, in the process, never accepting your actual self. Which is, from moment to moment, all you actually need.

Your character, the child who's bad to the bone, is relatively rare in film.

It's this notion of pure, unbridled evil coming from some sort of extra-terrestrial sort of supernatural source, as opposed to what is taboo and undiscussed, which is the fact that a kid can be horrible — a human, not a changeling, not a demon child, not the son of Satan, not Damien, just a human being.

A human being born of very human parents and is very human the whole way through. That's what makes it kind of untouchable. When these stories surface in the real world, we don't confront them in an honest way either, no matter what they are.

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▶ Tilda Swinton and John C. Reilly in We Need to Talk About Kevin.

You and Tilda are a great mix.

What did she do for you?

Everything. Everything. I owe so much to her that I will never be able to repay her because she has everything she needs already.

Being asked to work with John C. Reilly (and) Tilda was like being asked to join the band that Jimi Hendrix was going to form with Miles Davis before he died. That kind of super group.

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Johnson tackles franchises

His latest movie role takes him to Mysterious Island in Journey 2

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With Journey 2: the Mysterious Island, Dwayne Johnson steps into a franchise already in progress — something he's making a habit of after last year's Fast Five and this summer's G.I. Joe: Retribution. And it's a habit the former wrestler is more than happy with, as it's earned him quite a unique nickname.

Once again, you're coming into a franchise that's already up and running. Is this part of a particular career plan?

No, it was never a career decision to join franchises. What was a very concerted decision was to come into a film and elevate it.

And I've got to tell you, this is where I've been fortunate because the franchises that I have been involved with — G.I. Joe, Fast Five and now Journey — had a built-in audience.... A studio executive the other day said, "You are the most legitimate Franchise Viagra in Hollywood I've ever seen."

It seems like you understand the business of Hollywood.

I think, honestly, I'm going to give a lot of credit to the business I grew up in, and that was the business of professional wrestling.

While it may not be everyone's cup of tea — understandably so — in its rawest essence, wrestling is about entertaining the audiences without ego.... So I think in that spirit, that's allowed me to go from being the Tooth Fairy to a hunter of men.

Did you get a chance to talk to Brendan Frasier before taking on the role?

Good question, but no, we never had any dialogue.... There was a lot of work that had to be done because, you know, Brendan has a certain style that works for him — and audiences love that, by the way. And the success of the first movie proved that. But I have a much different style from Brendan, so it required some work from the ground up.

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Red Tails (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:40-9:15 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4-6:40-9:15 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:35-8:10
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War Horse (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:30-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:15-8 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:25-8:20
Young Adult (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Sun 9:05 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 8

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Alexander Nevsky (STC) Mon 8:15
Bezhin Meadow (STC) Mon 6:30
Ivan the Terrible, Part II (STC) Wed-Thu 8:20
Ivan the Terrible, Part One (STC) Wed-Thu 6:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Nostalghia (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 9:10 Sun 4
Que Viva Mexico! (STC) Mon
The Sacrifice (STC) Fri 8:50 Sat-Sun 6:30

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

The Metropolitan Opera: Faust Encore (STC) A.M. Sat 9
Pina 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:7:9:15

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

The Little Traitor (G) Fri 4:7:9 Sat-Sun 2:4:7:9 Mon-Thu 4:7:9

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Airplane! (PG) Tue 9:40 Wed 3:45
Back to the Future (STC) Sun 2
Back to the Future Part II (STC) Sun 4:40
Back to the Future Part III (STC) Sun 7
The Big Lebowski (14A) Fri 6:30 Thu 4:10
Chronicle (14A) No Passes Fri 12:30-3:05-5:45-8:25-11 No Passes Sat 10:55-12:30-3:05-5:45-8:25-11 No Passes Sun-Wed 2:20-5:7:45-10:25 No Passes Thu 2:20-4:30-7:45-10:25 **Contraband** (18A) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:10 Sat 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:30-10:10 Sun-Tue 2:05-4:40-7:15-10:10 Wed 2:05-4:10-10:10 Thu 2:05-4:40-7:15-10:10 **Ferris Bueller's Day Off** (PG) Sat 2:30 Mon 7:35 **The Grey** (18A) Fri 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Sat 2:40-4:50-7:40-10:30 Sun-Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:30
Haywire (PG) Fri 1-3:20-5:40-8:10:35 Sat 2:20-5:40-8-10:35 Sun 12:35-2:55-5:15-7:35-10 Mon-Tue 2:30-4:50-7:35-10 Wed 1:30-3:50-10 Thu 2:30-4:50-7:35-10
Hugo 3D (G) Fri 12:45-3:50-7:9:55 Sat 11:45-12:45-3:50-7:9:55 Sun 12:45-3:50-7:9:55 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:55
Jurassic Park (STC) Sat 7 Tue 2
The Lost Boys (STC) Wed 9:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 9:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:20 Mon-Wed 1:15-4:10-7:20-10:20 Thu 1:15-4:10-10:20 **Pulp Fiction** (STC) Fri 9 Mon 4:30 **RoboCop** (STC) Fri 4:10 Thu 9:35
Scarface (STC) Fri 11:59 Mon 1 **Serenity** (14A) Sat 9:35 Tue 4:45 **Shaun of the Dead** (18A) Sat 11:59
Sixteen Candles (14A) Sat 4:50 Mon 9:50
Spaceballs (STC) Sun 9:35 Wed 5:45
Stand by Me (PG) Sat 12 Wed 7:45 Thu 2
The Terminator (STC) Fri 1:45 Thu 7
Three Amigos! (STC) Tue 7:20 Wed 1:30
Travelling Light (STC) Thu 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri 1:15-3:35-5:55-8:15-10:40 Sat 10:50-1:15-3:35-5:55-8:15-10:40 Sun 1:05-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-3:35-5:50-8:05-10:30
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri 12:50-3:20-5:50-8:20-10:50 Sat 10:45-12:50-3:20-5:50-8:20-10:50 Sun 12:30-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:50-5:20-7:50-10:20

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street,
604-683-Film, vifc.org

The Godmother of Rock & Roll: Sister Rosetta Tharpe (STC) Thu 7
Jos & Pilar (STC) Fri 6:20 Sat-Sun 6 Tue 9
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed
Once Upon A Time in Anatolia (STC) Fri 8:30 Sat-Sun 3-8:15 Mon 6:20 Tue 4:30
Rebel Without a Cause (STC) Tue 7:30

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Sat-Sun 1:10
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 3:30-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
The Artist (G) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 12:50-3:20 **Chronicle** (14A) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7 Mon-Thu 7
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 9:50 Sat-Sun 3:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 9:50
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Big Miracle (G) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Descendants (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Wed 6:35-9:10 Thu 10:15
The Grey (18A) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:15
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10:7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 9:55 **Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:3:45-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20 **Travelling Light** (STC) Thu 7
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat 2:15-4:30-7:20-9:50 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:35

RICHMOND

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way,
604-272-7280

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:40 Thu 1:10-4:10-9:40
All's Well, Ends Well (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:15-7:15-10:20 **Back to the Sea** (STC) Fri-Thu 1:05-4
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-6:50 **Big Miracle** (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-3:20-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Wed 12:55-3:50-6:40-9:50 No Passes Thu 3:50-6:40-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Chronicle (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:10-9:45 **Contraband** (18A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:15-7:45-10:45 Mon-Thu 12:55-4:15-7:35-10:25
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:05-9:55 **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (G) Fri-Sun 12:25-7 Mon-Thu 12:45-7
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 9:15 **The Grey** (18A) Fri 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:35 Sat 12:30-4:45-7:40-10:35 Sun 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:30
Haywire (PG) Fri-Thu 7:35-10:15
Hugo (G) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:45-7:15-10:30 Thu 4:05-7:15-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:35-9:30 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:35-9:30
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:35-7:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:35-7:35-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 9:55 **Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience** (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4-7-10 Thu 1-4-7 **One for the Money** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:20-10 **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-10:25
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri 12-3:15-6:45-10:10 Sat 3:15-6:45-10:10 Sun 12-3:15-6:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:45-10:10
Travelling Light (STC) Thu 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:30-10:05
The Viral Factor (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:25-10:30 **The Woman in Black** (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:30-7:25-10:20

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Contraband (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Hugo (G) Fri 4:30-7 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:30-7 **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Fri 4:30-6:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:50

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:15-10
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:35-3-5:20-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10
Chronicle (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-3:45-6-8:30-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:30-10
Contraband (18A) Fri-Sun 2:20-5:10-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:55-5:7:40-10:15
The Grey (18A) Fri-Sun 2:4:50-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:30-10:10
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:45-10:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:05-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 1-4:05-7:10-10:10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:15 Mon-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20 Thu 1:15-4:15-10:20
Travelling Light (STC) Thu 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:20-5:40-8:20-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:55-8:05-10:30
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:15

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

All's Well, Ends Well (STC) Fri 4:10-7:9:35 Sat 1:25-4:10-7-9:35 Sun 1:25-4:10-7 Mon-Thu 4:10-7
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri 4:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15 Mon-Thu 4:15
Big Miracle (G) No Passes Fri 4:25-7:10-9:40 No Passes Sat 1:40-4:25-7:10-9:40 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:25-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (G) Fri 4:05-7:05-9:50 Sat 1:20-4:05-7:05-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Sat 6:50-9:55 Sun-Thu 6:50
Hugo (G) Fri 4-6:55-9:45 Sat 1:15-4-6:55-9:45 Sun 1:15-4-6:55 Mon-Thu 4-6:55
One for the Money (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:30 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:30 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15 **The Viral Factor** (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10 Sat 1:35-4:20-7:20-10 Sun 1:35-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:35-6:15-9:10
The Artist (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:20
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-6:45-9:15
Big Miracle (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:05-4-6:40-9:30 No Passes Wed 4-6:40-9:30 No Passes Thu 1:05-4-6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Chronicle (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3-5:10-7:50-10:30
Contraband (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:50 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:05-9:55 Fri-Wed 1-3:50-7:30-10:20 Thu 1-3:50-10:20
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:25 Mon-Tue 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:25 Wed 3:30-6:20-9:25 Thu 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:55
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-5-9 **The Grey** (18A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:45-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:45-10:40
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:15-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:15-6:35-9:35
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:15-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 9:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:10-10:25
One for the Money (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:20-10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 12:15-3:25-6:55-10:05 Sat 3:25-6:55-10:05 Sun 12:15-3:25-6:55-10:05 Mon-Wed 12:35-3:25-6:55-10:05 Thu 12:35-3:25-10:05
Travelling Light (STC) Thu 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:45-7:35-10:35 Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-7-9:50
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-8-10:40 Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:25-10:10

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30
Contraband (18A) Fri-Thu 7
Haywire (PG) Fri-Thu 9:05

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey,
604-592-4441

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 1:2:50-4:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:45 **The Devil Inside** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 8:30 **Happy Feet Two** (G) Sat-Sun 12:30
Haywire (PG) Fri-Thu 7:05 **Hugo** (G) Fri-Thu 4:40-8:55 **The Muppets** (G) Fri-Thu 5
Puss in Boots (G) Sat-Sun 1:2:45
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:15-9:55 **Agneepath** (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:10
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:45-3-5:20-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:45-10
Big Miracle (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 No Passes Wed 4:45-7:20-9:55 No Passes Thu 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1 **Chronicle** (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:45 No Passes Sun-Tue 1:30-3:50-6-8:20-10:30 No Passes Wed 3:50-6-8:20-10:30 No Passes Thu 1:30-3:50-6-8:20-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1 **Contraband** (18A) Fri-Sat 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:35 Sun-Thu 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25
The Grey (18A) Fri-Sat 2-4:50-7:45-10:30 Sun-Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:25 **Man on a Ledge** (STC) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:10-5:45-8:15-10:45 Sun 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:15-9:45
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:30-7:35-10:35 Sun-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:20-10:20 **One for the Money** (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:05-5:25-8:10:30 Sun 12:50-3:05-5:25-8:10-20 Mon-Thu 1-3:10-5:25-8:10-20
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Sat 1:20-3:40-6:8-20-10:40 Sun-Thu 1:20-3:40-6-8:15-10:30
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Sun 12:50-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:30

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Agneepath (14A) , Sub-Titled Fri 4:10-7:45 , Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 12:30-4:10-7:45 , Sub-Titled Mon 5:7:55 , Sub-Titled Tue 4:10-7:45 , Sub-Titled Wed-Thu 5:7:55
Back to the Sea (STC) Fri 3:25 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:25 Mon-Thu 3:25 **Big Miracle** (G) Fri 3:40-6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-6:30-9:10 Mon 5:10-8 Tue 3:40-6:30-9:10 Wed-Thu 5:10-8 Wed 1
Chronicle (14A) Fri 4:7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:7:10-9:45 Mon 5:25-8:35 Tue 4:7:10-9:45 Wed-Thu 5:25-8:35 **Contraband** (18A) Fri 4:15-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:30-10 Mon 5:35-8:30 Tue 4:15-7:30-10 Wed-Thu 5:35-8:30 **The Descendants** (PG) Fri 3:20-6:15-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:20-6:15-9:20 Mon 5-7:55 Tue 3:20-6:15-9:20 Wed-Thu 5-7:55
The Grey (18A) Fri 3:50-6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:35-9:20 Mon 5:15-8:20 Tue 3:50-6:35-9:20 Wed-Thu 5:15-8:20 **Hugo 3D** (G) Fri 3:25-6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:25-6:20-9:10 Mon 5:05-8:05 Tue 3:25-6:20-9:10 Wed-Thu 5:05-8:05
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-6:45-9:40 Mon 5:20-8:40 Tue 3:45-6:45-9:40 Wed-Thu 5:20-8:40 **Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Fri-Sun 6:50-9:50 Mon 5:15-8:15 Tue 6:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 5:15-8:15
One for the Money (PG) Fri 3:30-6:20-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:30-6:20-9:15 Mon 5:20-8:10 Tue 3:30-6:20-9:15 Wed-Thu 5:20-8:10
Underworld: Awakening (18A) Fri 4:20-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:20-9:55 Mon 5:30-8:45 Tue 4:20-7:20-9:55 Wed-Thu 5:30-8:45
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri 3:55-7:9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:55-7:9:30 Mon 5:15-8:25 Tue 3:55-7:9:30 Wed-Thu 5:15-8:25

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock,
604-541-9527, criterontheatres.com

The Artist (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10 **The Iron Lady** (PG) Fri 7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:15

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway,
604-531-7456, criterontheatres.com

Chronicle (14A) Fri 7:20-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:05 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:05
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (G) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25
One for the Money (PG) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 7:10-9
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri 7:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:30

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:10-9:50
Airplane! (PG) Tue 9:40 Wed 3:45
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri 1:20 Sat 1:10 Sun-Mon 1:20 Tue 1:15 Wed-Thu 1:20 **Back to the Future** (STC) Sun 2
Back to the Future Part II (STC) Sun 4:40
Back to the Future Part III (STC) Sun 7
Back to the Sea (STC) Fri-Thu 1:05
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:10-6:55
The Big Lebowski (14A) Fri 6:30 Thu 4:10
Big Miracle (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:45 **Chronicle** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:25-10:05 **Contraband** (18A) Fri-Wed 1:55-4:40-7:40-10:30 Thu 1:55-4:25-7:40-10:30
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:05-9:50
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (G) Fri-Thu 9:30
Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG) Sat 2:30 Mon 7:35
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 3:20-6:45-10:10
The Grey (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:7:10-10
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:10-6:50-9:55
Jurassic Park (STC) Sat 7 Tue 2
The Lost Boys (STC) Wed 9:50
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:20-10 Wed 1:40-7:20-10 Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 4:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4-7-10 Thu 1-4-7 **One for the Money** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:30-10:10 **Pulp Fiction** (STC) Fri 9 Mon 4:30
RoboCop (STC) Fri 4:10 Thu 9:35
Scarface (STC) Fri 11:59 Mon 1
Serenity (14A) Sat 9:35 Tue 4:45
Shaun of the Dead (18A) Sat 11:59
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:20 Thu 1:20-4:20-10:20
Sixteen Candles (14A) Sat 4:50 Mon 9:50
Spaceballs (STC) Sun 9:35 Wed 5:45
Stand by Me (PG) Sat 12 Wed 7:45 Thu 2
The Terminator (STC) Fri 1:45 Thu 7
Three Amigos! (STC) Tue 7:20 Wed 1:30
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:55
Travelling Light (STC) Thu 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7:35-10:20
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:15-10:20
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USELESS INFORMATION TO IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS

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Reading this column will be far from useless. In fact, it's full of useless information.

Every week at the conclusion of my radio show, The Secret History of Rock (see alancross.ca for stations and showtimes), I have a segment called Useless Information. It's a way of clearing my desk of Post-It notes that feature scraps of knowledge I've discovered but don't really have a place in whatever I'm doing.

Most of this information is rather arcane, but it somehow seems wrong not to use it…somewhere. Here, then, is a sampling of these bits of unconnected and disconnected research.

Big-brain physicist Stephen Hawking is a huge Depeche Mode fan. Back in the '90s, he once requested to meet the band backstage after a show. He was turned down because no one in Depeche Mode had ever heard of him.

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▶ Stephen Hawking is a huge Depeche Mode fan.

Al Jourgensen of Ministry was invited to remix the Red Hot Chili Peppers single Give It Away. He showed up in the studio with a fat joint in his pocket and a live chicken under his arm. He set the chicken down on the mixing console, lit the joint and blew huge volumes of smoke into the chicken's face. Whenever the stoned chicken did its business on or near one of the faders on the console, Al took that as a sign to emphasize those tracks in the remix. Now you know why this particular version is called the Chicken Sh*t Remix.

There is no known origin to the special (read: obscene) audience participation lyrics in Billy Idol's Mony Mony. They first seemed to have appeared c.1986 and differ slightly from region to region. The best guess is that they somehow relate to an early '80s MTV interview, where Idol admitted to losing his virginity while the original Tommy James version played on the radio.

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Going to Town with marketing

Cougar Town tries to win new fans — one glass of wine at a time
Show heading into key third season

Ever wanted to hang out with the stars of one of your favourite TV shows? Just to share some stories, drink some wine and watch a little TV?

Bill Lawrence is making that happen for fans of Cougar Town — and he's throwing in some T-shirts.

The co-creator and executive producer has been flying cast members Courteney Cox, Christa Miller, Dan Byrd, Busy Phillips, Ian Gomez and others, including writers and producers, to cities all over the U.S. in order to reignite interest in the series, which returns to ABC/City after a long hiatus Feb. 14.

He's even willing to host parties in Canada. "In a heartbeat," says Lawrence.

Cougar Town is heading into a key third season with less than a full vote of confidence from the network. The series had its original 22 episode order cut back to 15. It finds itself back on ABC's schedule only after the critically panned midseason entry, Man Up, quickly flopped.

Lawrence, the cast and several writers and producers met with reporters at an unscheduled bar event during the recent TV critics press tour in Pasadena.

The former Scrubs showrunner was careful to credit ABC with sticking with the series so far, but also felt the need to reach beyond normal network marketing at this point in the series' history.

Coming back after an unusually long hiatus, Lawrence felt Cougar Town needed a grassroots push to remind fans and alert potential viewers it was still on the air. Co-creator Kevin Biegel came up with the idea of reaching out to fans by flying stars from the series to various cities for a series of meet and greet parties. Several have already taken place and several more are planned.

Lawrence promises wine will be provided. Two or three unseen episodes are also being screened at the events, and, yes, T-shirts are being handed out. All he asks is that fans tell "five or 10 friends who haven't watched yet to check us out." The actors who have taken part so far all say they've had a great time.

"I went to Sarasota and kicked it off, man, it was great," says Brian Van Holt, who plays Jules's laid-back ex Travis. "I'll go anywhere Bill wants to go. I like getting out of L.A. and the fans are really interested and interesting." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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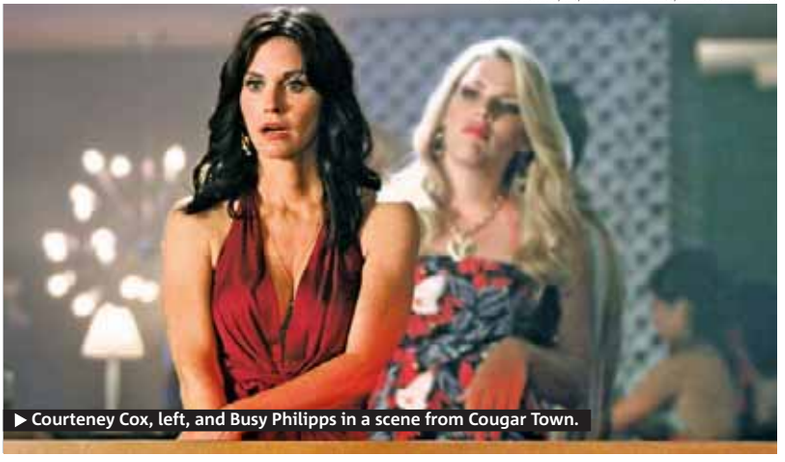

▶ Courteney Cox, left, and Busy Philipps in a scene from Cougar Town.

Show's premise

Fans already know the series has nothing to do with man-hungry cougars.

Courteney Cox's character, Jules, is a single mom in her 40s, but executive producer Bill Lawrence hints something happens when the series returns that will "eliminate all elements of 'cougar' altogether."

TV picks

Sheen like you've never seen him

MARTIN, NOT CHARLIE. Actor Martin Sheen explores his ancestral roots in the season three premiere of Who Do You Think You Are? on Friday. His journey takes him to Ireland, where his uncle had ties to the Irish Civil War, and to Spain, where he discovers an activist relative was wrongfully imprisoned during the Franco regime. Sheen also finds out a family secret from the 1700s. (Citytv, NBC)

A little swim with the sharks

SCARY INVESTORS. An Alabama guitar teacher claims to have created a unique learning system for string-pluckers on Friday's entrepreneurial series Shark Tank.

Other ideas presented to the discerning investors include creepy-sounding "blue jeans accessories that blink when you walk," invented by a "Mr. Mom" from Louisiana. (CTV Two, ABC)

Mike & Molly star unplugged

STANDUP SPECIAL. Mike & Molly star Billy Gardell offers up more laughs in his one-hour standup special Halftime on The Comedy Network on Saturday. Gardell hits the stage in his hometown of Pittsburgh with an act that "celebrates working-class America." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ From left, Jason Segel, Alyson Hannigan, Cobie Smulders, Neil Patrick Harris and Josh Radnor are shown in a scene from How I Met Your Mother.

The plot thickens on How I Met Your Mother

After 150 episodes, viewers still wait to meet the mom

Show's ratings are up 19 per cent over last season

The mysteries that surround the CBS sitcom How I Met Your Mother extend to co-creator Craig Thomas' office on the Fox studio lot.

A white board on the wall that outlines the seventh season's episodes ends with Barney's wedding in the May finale. "— is the bride," the board says.

You never know who's going to walk in, and Thomas and partner Carter Bays hold tight to their secrets. That will be a pivotal episode: Not only will the ultimate bachelor come off the market, but the show has revealed it's also the day that Ted meets his future bride — the mother that is the conceit upon which the entire show is built. That doesn't necessarily mean viewers will meet the mother in that episode, however. Stay tuned.

This has been a big year for the comedy that launches CBS' Monday nights. Ratings are the best they've ever been, up 19 per cent over last season, and it has the youngest average audience on the network's prime-time schedule.

"There's almost no scientific explanation and we couldn't have counted on that," Thomas said.

Time may make viewers more invested in the lives of Ted (Josh Radnor), hornd dog buddy Barney (Neil Patrick Harris), Ted and Barney's ex Robin (Cobie Smulders) and the married couple Marshall and Lily (Jason Segel and Alyson Hannigan). Another likely contributor is the boomerang effect of syndication making more people familiar with the series. How I Met Your Mother has been seen outside of prime time on local broadcast stations the past few years.

The mama mystery

"I always thought the frustration about it was a little misplaced," Radnor said. "There's so much to enjoy beyond the central conceit of the show that I always felt like, 'Relax.' If he meets the mother, the series is done, so if you like the series you should be waiting. Enjoy the wait. Maybe this whole series is some grand lesson in patience for people. It certainly is for Ted."

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The setup

How I Met Your Mother is the closest TV has to a modern-day Friends.

- **It started** in 2005, when networks were desperate to replace that beloved NBC series and, frankly, the namesake gimmick distinguished it from other wannabes.
- **The series** opened with kids on a couch impatiently listening to narrator Bob Saget, as Ted circa 2030, explains how their parents first met and got together.
- **That first episode** began with Ted establishing a romantic connection with Robin, ending with the kicker of Saget explaining, "that's how I met your Aunt Robin."

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C'mon Demi, wasn't Ashton young enough?

Source claims hard-partying 49-year-old had her sights set on High School Musical star Zac Efron Another says she was mixing pills with Red Bulls

Demi Moore's recent hospitalization didn't quite come as a surprise to those who were close to her, reports Us Weekly.

It seems her split from Ashton Kutcher had her craving the company of a younger crowd that she wasn't equipped to keep up with.

"She's been really down, and she's surrounding herself with young people to make her feel better," a source tells the magazine.

"She's been mixing pills and Red Bulls, among other things."

We want to feel for Demi and her impossibly flawless 49-year-old skin. After spending the past few years with Kutcher — who, although 33, seems to only own cargo pants and flip-flops — the transition to adulthood must be tough. But moving in on Zac Efron? Too far, lady. According to another source, she was pursuing the High School Musical star at a recent house party looking "wired and gaunt."

Listen, Demi: Inappropriately hitting on Zac Efron while tipsy is my deal — and I have The Word archives to prove it. **MONICA WEYMOUTH**

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▶ Demi Moore

Celebrity tweets

@CourteneyCox

It's my first day not on the set. I already miss the drinking. I've had to resort to Pinkberry.

@kathygriffin

Last time I did a show in Jacksonville FLA, a dude invited me 2 watch him "do donuts in mah pick up in the Outback parking lot"

@themichaelcaine

Chilling with friends and family, its what its all about. Good Luck to all of you.

@ConanOBrien

Being a celebrity means I can get any restaurant reservation when George Clooney cancels at the last minute.

Becks' naked days are over

David Beckham wants the world to know he will no longer be hanging out at home in the buff.

"My naked days are over," Beckham says while unveiling his new line of underwear for H&M, according to Hollyscoop.

"I definitely walk around the house in my underwear. But not naked. With the boys it's not a problem because they're naked all the time but with a little girl now, it is different." **METRO**

David Beckham

And you thought we were done with Lohan

Just when we started to miss Lindsay Lohan, it looks like she's about to be a regular presence in our lives again.

Not only has she moved into hot-mess headquarters Chateau Marmont, but she has a new famous boyfriend: 21-year-old Henry Hopper, son of the late Dennis Hopper and star of Gus Van Sant's recent Restless, according to TMZ. The happy couple were recently spotted picking up Red Bull and vodka in Venice (really, again? We had hoped rich people had better drugs than Red Bull).

Any time you're ready, Linds. **METRO**

▶ Lindsay Lohan

▶ Amanda Seyfried

Only the dog can bare all in front of Amanda

Even though she's set to play adult film star Linda Lovelace on screen, Amanda Seyfried is "terrified of being promiscuous," she admits to Glamour magazine.

"I don't like the feeling you get when it's not something that you truly want to do, and I hate the emotional abuse you give yourself afterward. It's just uncomfortable when you're with somebody and you're like, 'I don't really know if I'm even comfortable with this.'"

Which might have something to do with why Seyfried has taken herself off the market: "Right now I'm happy to not have someone's naked body around me. Except for my dog's," she says.

And as for those rumours that she'd been hooking up with her In Time co-star, Justin Timberlake?

"I think any female that meets him at first is like, 'I want to date you,'" she says.

"He seems so perfect, but you get to know him, and he's a good pal. He'll tell you what he really feels. But, you know, he's really famous, which has its downsides." **METRO**

Girls or 'trannies'

Blake Lively is looking forward to having kids one day, and given her extensive wardrobe, she's hoping they turn out a particular way.

"I hope to have a few girls one day," she tells Elle Magazine.

"If not girls, they better be trannies. I have some amazing shoes and bags and stories that need to be appreciated." **METRO**

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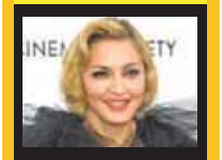

Indiana – a sports mecca, yes, but celeb magnet? Not so much. That will soon change with this weekend's Super Bowl entertainment and parties.

Madonna will be there. Alec Baldwin is hosting the NFL Honors, featuring stars like Lenny Kravitz; Snoop Dogg, Nas and J. Cole are expected to perform at various parties; Steven Tyler and Carrie Underwood are performing; and Late Night With Jimmy Fallon will broadcast after the Super Bowl with scheduled guests Tracy Morgan, Taylor Lautner, Tim Tebow and Maroon 5's Adam Levine.

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Rocco DiSpirito lightens up Buffalo Popcorn Chicken for the Super Bowl.

Swapping out football beer

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Please forgive me, football fans. This Sunday, I'll be more interested in whether Madonna can strut her way through halftime without a wardrobe malfunction than I'll be in who wins the Super Bowl.

Sadly, televised sporting events don't call for haute cuisine, so booze pairings can get a bit pedestrian.

A balanced ale or mass market lager beer make a good fallback position for manly junk food. The fun starts when trying to find an all-purpose wine to partner with those eatables that get invited to every Super Bowl party.

The crisp, bubbly goodness of a drier sparkling wine (think a mid-priced Spaniard) goes incredibly well with salty snack foods like popcorn, potato chips and pretzels.

If you're serving up a plate of hot wings pour a glass of white, medium dry German riesling or a red California zinfandel.

When it come to nachos, I prefer a white wine match (nothing too expensive) that emulates the refreshing qualities of a good brew. Familia Zuccardi's 2011 Fuzion Chenin Torrontés ($7.75 - $9.99) from Argentina is off-dry with a tropical blend of juicy green fruit that ends with a lick of white pepper.

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Snack touchdown!

Just because you're cheering for one team this Super Bowl doesn't mean you can't enjoy a delicious treat from the other's hometown

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As a salute to this year's Super Bowl competitors, the New York Giants and the New England Patriots, I've created recipes you could enjoy if you were watching the game at either team's home stadium.

New England Clam Chowder

Traditionally, a creamy white chowder is served in New England and, yes, you can warm up with a bowl in the Patriots' stadium!

It's also perfect to serve up while enjoying the game.

You can make the chowder ahead and keep it warm in a slow cooker for everyone to enjoy.

Preparation:

1. Drain clams, reserving 1 1/4 cups (300 mL) of juice. Chop clams and set aside. Combine clam juice with bottled clam juice.
2. In soup pot, cook bacon over medium high heat, stirring for about 5 minutes or until crispy. Add onion, garlic and thyme; cook for 3 minutes or until softened. Stir in sherry until evaporated. Stir in flour and cook for 1 minute or until absorbed.
3. Add clam juice and bring to a simmer, stirring until slightly thickened. Add potatoes and bay leaf. Cover and simmer gently for about 15 minutes or until tender.
4. Meanwhile, in small saucepan, simmer cream with chopped clams for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir into potato mixture and simmer for 10 minutes for flavours to combine. Season pepper to taste.

Beer Braised NY Brisket Sandwich

Beef sandwiches are popular at all stadiums during football season. A favourite New York topping is smoked cheese and peperoncini (pickled peppers).

Served on a pretzel roll, but any bread that's crusty on the outside and soft on the inside will work well with this hearty sandwich.

Preparation:

1. Scatter onions on bottom of roasting pan. Pour beer over top and sprinkle with garlic. Place beef on top.
2. In small bowl, stir together ketchup, horseradish, mustard, molasses, Worcestershire sauce and pepper; spread over brisket. Cover and braise in 325 F (160 C) oven for about 3 hours or until tender. Remove brisket to cutting board and slice. Whisk cornstarch into water.
3. Place roasting pan over medium high heat and bring to a simmer. Stir in cornstarch mixture and cook, stirring for 1 minute or until slightly thickened. Return sliced beef to pan and toss with sauce. Serve on buns with cheese and peppers.

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Shopping List:

Clam Chowder

- 2 cans (142 g drained each) clams
- 1 bottle (236 mL) clam juice
- 4 slices side bacon, chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) dry sherry
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) all purpose flour
- 3 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 cups (500 mL) 5% light cream
- Ground black pepper

Beer Braised Brisket Sandwich

- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bottle of beer (330 mL), such as porter or dark ale
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) each ketchup and horseradish
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) molasses
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) black pepper
- 1 boneless beef brisket (about 3 lb/1.5 kg)
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) cornstarch
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) water
- 12 peperoncini peppers, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) shredded smoked mozzarella
- 6 large buns, halved lengthwise

Halftime shows to remember

With Madonna headlining this year's Super Bowl Halftime Show, Metro's Pat Healy looks back at the Top 5 performances from past years No, marching bands didn't make the list

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U2, 2002
It was a few months after the 9-11 attacks, and this song set from Dublin's finest did a heroic job of honouring those who died that day. It also saluted the country U2 has always wished it was from, as Bono revealed an American flag close to his heart. Criticize Bono all you want for pandering, but it's hard not to get misty as the names of victims scroll down a huge screen as U2 plays.

Prince, 2007
His royal purpleness has always been known for a stadium-sized ego. What made this performance unique is that despite performing on a stage shaped like the symbol that once served as his name, the dude did a medley of songs, only three of which were his. He touched others by Queen, Bob Dylan, the Foo Fighters and more. But, being Prince, made all of them his own.

Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band, 2009
To condense a Springsteen concert experience into 13 minutes sounds preposterous. But the Boss was able to fill a four-song suite with a whole lot of hokey fun, including a gospel choir, a flag-throwing ref, a knee-slide across the stage, some mic-stand gymnastics and the return to the stage of Big Man Clarence Clemons.

Michael Jackson, 1993
This show by the King of Pop would change the way networks programmed halftime. This was MJ just before he was accused of sexually abusing children. It's eerie now to hear him say, "no one should have to suffer, especially our children," but the performance itself was touching (not the bad kind) as he sang Heal the World, and the crowd held up placards to form drawings by kids.

Janet Jackson & Justin Timberlake, 2004
Seriously, we were really supposed to believe that Janet Jackson just happened to be wearing a metal sunburst around her areola? Regardless of how planned or unplanned the "bet I'll have you nekkid by the end of this song" ending was, the duet with Justin Timberlake on Rock Your Body definitely still holds up a whole eight(!) years later.

Not your average drive-thru eats

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Cut a pizza into bite-sized pieces, and top with arugula.

When it comes to Super Bowl snacks this Sunday, you can take Food Network star Sandra Lee's concept of Semi-Homemade to a whole new level. How? With fast food that is specially tweaked to score major touchdowns with your guests.

Yep, we're talking KFC and doughnuts, but with your own unique additions.

Allison Beck, editor at thedailymeal.com, set about finding last-minute party fixes that take simple, inexpensive take-out to the next level with some minor enhancements you probably already have in your pantry. As Beck says, "We're busy people and you've got to find shortcuts."

The eats

Sticky rice lifesaver
When making burritos or chili, get Chinese takeout white rice to accompany the dish. It's inexpensive and cooked perfectly. No one will be the wiser.

KFC's Grilled Chicken
Get a bucket of grilled chicken, coat it with sauce (hot, barbecue or otherwise), get some buns, lettuce and tomato — and voila! A sammie that's sure to please.

Dress up plain-Jane pizza
Add fresh arugula and maybe even some truffle oil to your local delivery pizza. Cut the slices into bite-sized pieces for classy apps.

Doughnut desserts
Want some instant profiteroles? Get some Timbits, slice them in half, add some ice cream and boom! You've got a whole lot of delicious.

Burger options
Visit any burger joint, grab a bunch of burgers or mini burgers and double them as your own party's sliders. Garnish them with a tomato chutney, horseradish or a special cheese to kick it up a notch in the flavour department. METRO

Super Bowl Sippin'

Trini Cherry Shandy

- 1½ oz Denizen Rum
- ½ oz St. Germain Elderflower
- ½ oz Lemon Juice
- 1 tsp Maraschino Liqueur
- Cherry Lambic
- Hefeweizen

Pour all ingredients, except beer, into a mixing tin. Add ice and shake. Strain into a tall glass and top with equal parts Cherry Lambic and Hefeweizen. Garnish with a lemon wedge.

Dutch Air Mail

- 2 oz Denizen Rum
- ½ oz honey syrup*
- ½ oz lime juice
- Dutch lager beer (Heineken or similar)
- Splash of pink grapefruit juice

Pour all ingredients, except beer, into mixing tin. Add ice and shake. Strain into a tall glass and top with beer. Garnish with a grapefruit peel over the glass. (*Cut 2 tbsp. honey with 1 tbsp. hot water and stir or shake.)

Bombs Away

- 1 oz Captain Morgan
- ½ oz TY KU Sake Black
- ¼ oz TY KU Citrus Liqueur
- ½ oz simple syrup
- 4 oz Hoegaarden

Pour beer into a pint glass. In a separate double shot glass, combine the rest of the ingredients and serve separately. To drink, drop shot glass in beer and drink together. Want to turn your drink into a game? Take a sip whenever a team scores or whenever a quarterback throws a bomb and it's caught. METRO

Untangling those Super Bowl numerals

Kids "LOL" and "OMG" each other all day, but ask them to decipher the XLVI of this year's Super Bowl and you might as well be talking Greek.

They may know what X means, or V and I, but Roman numerals beyond the basics have largely gone the way of cursive and penmanship as a subject in schools.

Students in high school and junior high get a taste of the Roman system during Latin (where Latin is still taught, anyway). And they learn a few Roman numerals in history class when they study the monarchs of Europe.

By the #s	
I	1
II	2
III	3
IV	4
V	5
VI	6
VII	7
VIII	8
IX	9
X	10
L	50
C	100
D	500
M	1,000

But in elementary school, "Roman numerals are a minor topic," said Jeanine Brownell of the early mathematics development program at Erickson Institute, a child-development graduate school in Chicago.

That's not how Joe Horrigan remembers it. "I went to Catholic school. I still have bruised knuckles from not learning them," said the NFL historian and spokesman for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

What's wrong with good ol' 46, as in this year's Super Bowl between the Giants and the Patriots on Sunday?

"Number 46, just kind of sounds like an inventory," said Horrigan, who is LX years old. "Those Roman numerals, they're almost like trophies."

The use of Roman numerals to designate Super Bowls began with game V in 1971, won by the Baltimore Colts over the Dallas Cowboys 16-13 on Jim O'Brien's 32-yard field goal with five seconds remaining. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Rob Gronkowski

'A good test for him'

Rob Gronkowski practised with the New England Patriots for the Super Bowl for the first time Thursday. Now coach Bill Belichick is waiting to see how the All-Pro tight end's injured ankle responds.

Gronkowski, recovering from a high sprain in his left ankle, participated on a limited basis for the first time since being injured Jan. 22 in the third quarter of the 23-20 win over the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC championship game.

"He did some things. He didn't do everything," Belichick said. "We'll see how he is (Friday). I think that will be the big key."

Gronkowski, who set an NFL single-season record for tight ends with 17 touchdown catches, took part during the second half of the nearly two-hour practice for Sunday's championship game against the New York Giants.

"It was fine," Belichick said, "It was a good test for him, too, at least. At least he was out here and did some things to see how it feels. We'll see how it goes."

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▶ New York's Osi Umenyiora goes through drills with teammates during practice on Thursday.

All hands on deck for N.Y.

Giants have everyone at practice again with Nicks, Webster, Williams taking part

Running back Ahmad Bradshaw practised for a second straight day and three other players were allowed to practise without restrictions as the New York Giants completed their second workout in Indiana in preparation for the Super Bowl on Thursday.

Cornerback Corey Webster (hamstring), wide receiver Hakeem Nicks (shoulder) and special-teamer/linebacker Jacquian Williams (foot) all practised fully, according to a pool report. They were limited Wednesday.

Bradshaw, who has a broken bone in his right foot, and defensive end Osi Umenyiora (ankle/knee) were the only Giants who were limited in the 88-minute practice on the University of Indianapolis' indoor practice field.

The report also said Eli Manning was sharp during passing drills.

Bradshaw, who hasn't practised on consecutive days since returning from his foot injury in early December, tripped going through the line on a running play early in the session. But he hopped up and was able to continue.

"It looked like he tripped over the fullback's foot," coach Tom Coughlin said. "But he's fine."

Coughlin said the team's energy level, enthusiasm and excitement are obvious.

"They're really excited to practice for the game," Coughlin said. "I think they've done very well. This was a good day of preparation."

Manning was sharp in the final two first-unit offensive possessions. He completed 10 of 11 throws in a two-minute drill held against the Giants' first-team defence, moving the offence briskly downfield.

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5 GIANTS TO WATCH

ELI MANNING, QB

▶ Had best regular season of career, set NFL record with 15 fourth-quarter TD passes. Has 103.1 passer rating in playoffs, with eight TDs and one interception.

AHMAD BRADSHAW, RB

▶ Battling back and foot injuries, but shows up nearly every week. Has more power than size might indicate, also has nice burst.

HAKEEM NICKS, WR

▶ A deep threat who also can break shorter passes into long gains. Uses big hands and long arms to fight off defenders for passes.

JUSTIN TUCK, LDE

▶ Leader of defence, has fought through series of injuries and is playing his best ball now. Can play anywhere on line in passing situations.

COREY WEBSTER, LCB

▶ Best cover cornerback on Giants. Could be matched up at times with one of New England's dangerous TEs.

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So you think you can dance in the end zone?

Patriots tight end Hernandez may celebrate with merengue, hopes Giants wide receiver Cruz doesn't get a chance to use his salsa moves

Move over salsa-specialist Victor Cruz. Aaron Hernandez may need room to show his merengue moves in the end zone.

The duelling dancers are practising the steps that they hope will lead to touchdowns at the Super Bowl and give the NFL showcase the look of a hard-hitting episode of Dancing With the (Football) Stars.

The versatile Hernandez has twisted his way downfield for the New England Patriots — changing direction after making catches and swerving by frustrated pursuers on a 43-yard run playoff run from the backfield against Denver. Now he's heard suggestions that he break out the salsa should he score a touchdown on Sunday, just as Cruz does with the New York Giants.

"They told me to do the salsa and I was joking around, saying maybe I'll do the merengue," a smiling Hernandez said Thursday, three days before the Super Bowl. "But that's his style and I respect him doing that and that's also a shoutout to the Hispanic community.

"But he's a good player and, hopefully, he doesn't get too many salsa dances this week."

Cruz sidesteps the idea of a Sunday Night Fever dance-off with Hernandez.

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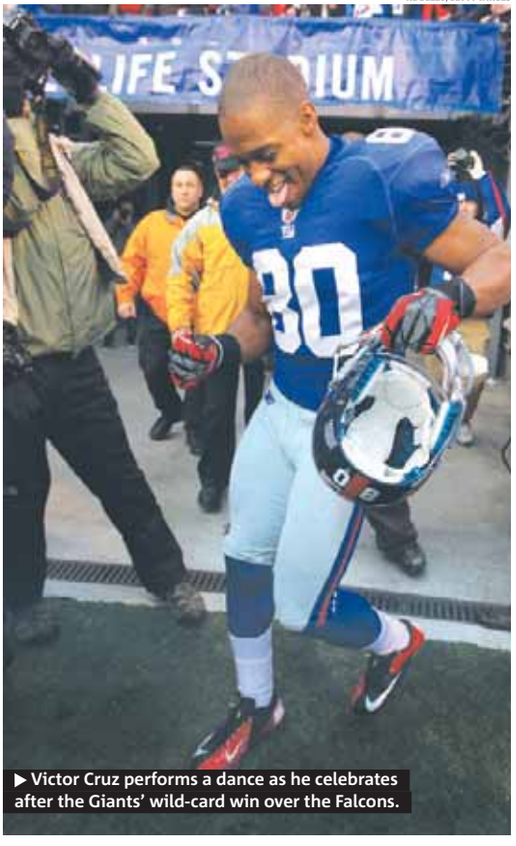

▶ Victor Cruz performs a dance as he celebrates after the Giants' wild-card win over the Falcons.

"I just want to get in the end zone and win this football game," he said.

Hernandez is used to playing second fiddle as "the other" tight end in the Patriots dynamic combo.

Rob Gronkowski's left ankle has been in the spotlight ever since the All-Pro sprained it Jan. 22 in the AFC championship game.

Before that, Gronkowski's big hands that rarely drop a football drew the attention. He set an NFL single-season record for tight ends with 17 touchdown catches, usually followed by a powerful spike.

"I've been ready to play since they told us we're playing in the Super Bowl."
AARON HERNANDEZ

"I'm sure he'll be fine" for the game, Hernandez said. "Everyone knows he's a beast and he'll definitely be a huge impact in this game."

Hernandez, faster and shiftier than the bulldozing Gronkowski, had a pretty good season, too. He caught 79 passes for 910 yards and seven touchdowns. But he doesn't mind getting less attention.

"I've never been that type of person and the way our relationship is, we're so close that we don't even think about it like that," Hernandez said.

"I'm not a huge media guy, as you know, so he can have all the media he wants. You can talk to him and I know he loves it."

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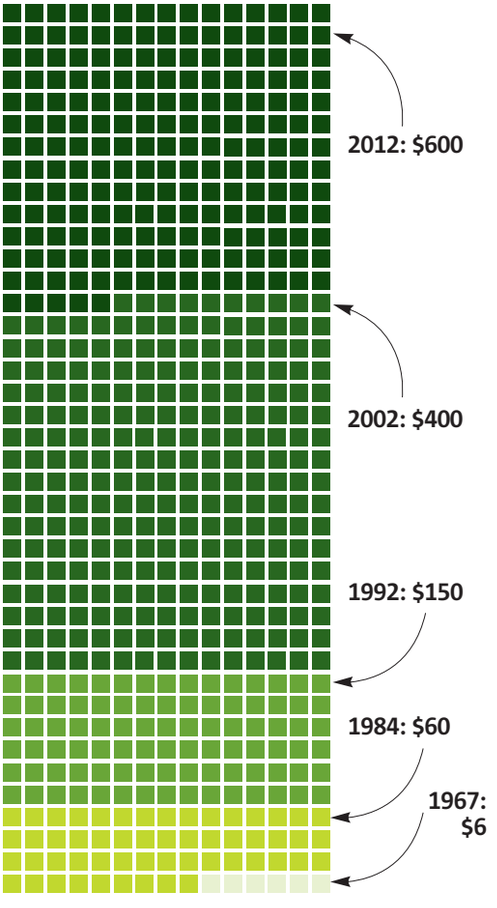
▶ Tickets to this year's Super Bowl.

Cost of admission

How much the cheapest ticket would have cost you at various Super Bowls.



5 PATRIOTS TO WATCH

TOM BRADY, QB

▶ Most accomplished quarterback of his era, has won three Super Bowls and is in his fifth. Has career record of 2-2 against Giants.

WES WELKER, WR

▶ Led NFL with 122 catches, becomes second player with at least 120 twice in a career (Cris Carter). Has most receptions since 2007 in NFL (554).

ROB GRONKOWSKI, TE

▶ Combination of size and strength overwhelms defenders. Battling left ankle injury sustained in AFC title game, but came back to finish that game.

VINCE WILFORK, LDT

▶ Wilfork has been as good as anyone in post-season. Played more than usual against Ravens, who couldn't block him with two men in AFC title game.

JEROD MAYO, MLB

▶ Best and most accomplished of Patriots' LBs, has had some health issues hold him back. First-round pick in 2008.

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4 sports

Sports in brief

The Vancouver Whitecaps have hired former Toronto FC Academy director Stuart Neely. Neely has been named head of player management and advancement for the team's residency program.
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Point taken: Canucks fall to best in West

Detroit creates four-point cushion over Vancouver in West standings

BRENNERS

▶ Kevin Bieksa skates into the corner to get the puck as Detroit's Daniel Cleary looks on in Vancouver.

Pavel Datsyuk and Jiri Hudler scored in the shootout Thursday as the Detroit Red Wings beat Vancouver 4-3 to pad their lead over the Canucks atop the Western Conference standings.

Both shooters beat goalie Roberto Luongo on the stick side as the Red Wings have won all six of their shootouts this season.

Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard smothered Alex Edler's close-in shot while Mason Raymond lost control of the puck.

CANUCKS	RED WINGS
3	4

Detroit (35-16-1) won for the ninth time in 10 games to move four points ahead of Vancouver (31-15-5), which has a game in hand.

It was also the fourth win in the last four road games for Detroit, which is now 15-14-0 away from home after struggling away from Joe Louis Arena earlier in the season.

The Canucks closed out a six-game homestand spread over the all-star break with a 3-3 record.

Drew Miller, Hudler and Dan Cleary gave the Red Wings one-goal leads.

Ryan Kesler, Alex Burrows and Raymond forced overtime for the Canucks, who were outshot 43-25 after 65 minutes.

Raymond tied the game with 4:24 remaining in regulation when his shot deflected behind Howard after hitting defenceman Brad Stuart.

Burrows gave the Canucks a 2-2 tie midway through the third period but Miller scored less than two minutes later.

Miller was in the right place during a goal-mouth scramble in front of Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo to knock in the rebound of Cleary's shot.
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▶ Patrick Roy

Roy fined for top prospects comments

Patrick Roy is in hot water again after accusing the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's commissioner of pressuring an injured player to participate in this week's top prospects game.

The QMJHL fined the Quebec Remparts $5,000 over comments made by the former star goalie and current Remparts coach and general manager.

Roy accused Gilles Courteau of placing his interests and those of the QMJHL ahead of the players last Friday.

Roy said Courteau and the league pressured Remparts forward Mikhail Grigorenko to play in the CHL Top Prospects Game in Kelowna on Wednesday even though he was injured. Roy added Courteau wants to become head of the CHL and that Grigorenko's participation would help his candidacy.

Last month, the league fined the Remparts $2,500 when Roy said the officials were "a disgrace" after a loss to Victoriaville.

Roy was also fined in November and April for comments directed toward league officials.
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Lakers, Clippers to join forces in all-star game

From Kobe Bryant to Chris Paul, Blake Griffin to Andrew Bynum, the NBA all-star game is shaping up as an L.A. story.

Two Lakers and two Clippers were voted as starters Thursday for the game, the first time in 15 years that two pairs of teammates have been voted to start for one conference.

1.6M Dwight Howard of the host Orlando Magic was the overall leading vote-getter with 1.6 million.

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant prevented a Los Angeles sweep of Western Conference starters by earning a spot for the Feb. 26 game in Orlando.

LeBron James and Dwyane Wade are going from Miami, while MVP Derrick Rose of Chicago, Orlando's Dwight Howard and New York's Carmelo Anthony round out the East starters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

Soccer qualifiers return to T.O.

SOCCER. Canada will play its next round of home World Cup soccer qualifiers at Toronto's BMO Field.

The men's games are June 12 against Honduras, Sept. 7 against Panama and Oct. 12 against Cuba.
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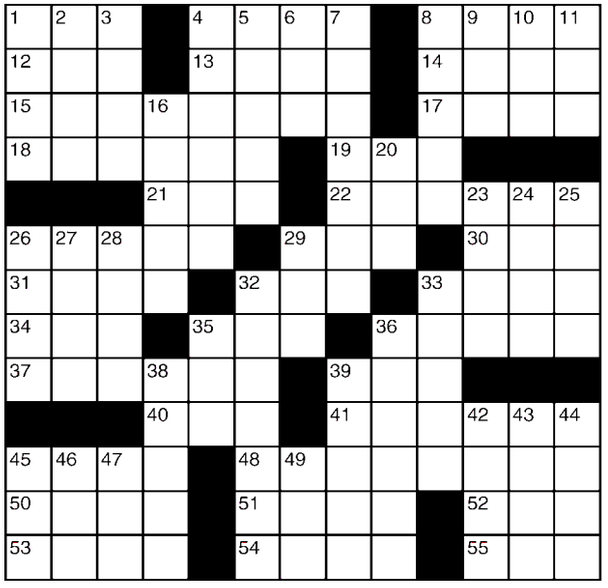
Hollingsworth slides to gold in Whistler

SKELETON. Melissa Hollingsworth won World Cup gold on Thursday at a skeleton track in Whistler that has plagued her since a disappointing fifth-place finish at the 2010 Olympics.

The Eckville, Alta., native finished in a two-run time of one minute 49.79 seconds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crossword



Across

1 After-hrs. bank
4 Mop the decks
8 Rope fiber
12 Weep
13 Zeus' consort
14 Addict
15 Nemean Lion slayer
17 Bellow
18 Longs
19 Id counterpart
21 Biblical verb suffix
22 "A Bell for Adano" author
26 Reacts in horror
29 Muppet master Henson
30 Poolroom prop
31 Lotion additive
32 Obese
33 Jung or Yastrzemski
34 Red or Black
35 Poorly lit
36 Yuletide melody
37 Godly messenger
39 Swiss peak
40 "Live! With Kelly" airer
41 Stickler for details
45 Effervescence
48 Cohort of Harry and Ron
50 Pennsylvania port
51 Discord goddess
52 Levy
53 Pleads
54 Depend (on)
55 Suitable

Down

1 Needing a rubdown
2 Genealogy chart
3 "— Breckinridge"
4 Railroad switches
5 From Cardiff
6 Is pluralized
7 Single
8 Any of the "12 Angry Men"
9 GI entertainment grp.
10 Afternoon social
11 Blunder
16 Thin pancake
20 Jewel
23 Cicatrix
24 Continental coin
25 Holler
26 Long cut
27 Sheltered
28 Take to the skies
29 Toast topper
32 Chess legend Bobby
33 Bay of Naples island
35 Society newbie
36 Oafish
38 Labyrinths
39 T.S. Eliot's "cruellest month"
42 Tittle
43 Break suddenly
44 Email alternative
45 Winter mo.
46 Anger
47 Sharp turn
49 Prior to

▶ Thursday's answer

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Sudoku

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		4	8		5	3		
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	7	9	4		6	1	5	
	3		7		2		8	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Thursday's answer ▶

9	4	8	6	2	7	5	3	1
3	5	7	1	9	8	6	2	4
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6	9	1	2	7	3	8	4	5
7	2	4	8	6	5	3	1	9
5	8	3	9	4	1	2	6	7
8	7	9	4	3	6	1	5	2
4	3	5	7	1	2	9	8	6
1	6	2	5	8	9	4	7	3

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THRILLER

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BAINGAN

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You've done your bit, now reward yourself with a break.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Trust your instincts, not what dubious sources tell you.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You need to be a bit more realistic about your ambitions. There is no point aiming for things you cannot reach – that's just silly.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The only thing that might hold you back over the next 24 hours is if you let negative thoughts take over.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Have friends and colleagues been keeping things from you? It looks like it, but before you get angry about it ask yourself why that should be.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Don't worry if you find it hard to get your point across over the next few days.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You may be under the impression that you have to work extra hard to keep up with your rivals, but is that true? Be friends with everyone and do quality work only.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Everyone makes mistakes and you are no exception – but you are exceptional when you get it right, and that's often.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Watch what you say today or you could find yourself falling out with a friend or work colleague over nothing much at all.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Make sure you know all the facts before offering an opinion.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Forget about all the trivial things and focus on the two or three issues that are of real importance.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You need to recognize that the life you are most responsible for is your own.

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